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**BY FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL**

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RE: MUR 3774  
National Republican Senatorial Committee and  
Stan Huckaby, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

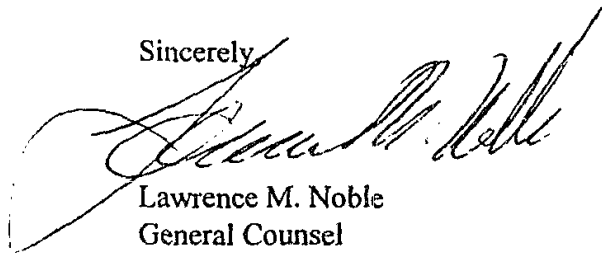
This letter responds to your August 6, 1999 letter to me, in the above-captioned matter, requesting that the General Counsel's brief dated July 30, 1999 be supplemented to include a discussion of Judge Green's August 2, 1999 decision in FEC v. The Christian Coalition ("the CC decision"), and extend the period for the NRSC's response until 45 days after its receipt of the supplement. While both the CC decision and MUR 3774 involve the use of impermissible funds in connection with federal elections, the CC decision concerned issues of "coordinated expenditures," and "in-kind contributions," neither of which are at issue in the analysis put forth in the General Counsel's brief. Therefore, this Office does not agree with your contention that the CC decision is "precisely on-point to the arguments" in the General Counsel's brief, nor that it is either "unwise" or "unfair" to require your client to respond to the General Counsel's brief without a supplement analyzing the impact of the CC decision. You are, of course, free to make any arguments to the Commission you wish concerning the CC decision in the NRSC's response. Of course, it will be up to the Commission to decide if the brief requires further analysis on this or any other issue.

Since this Office does not plan to supplement its brief with a discussion of the CC decision at this time, there is no reason to extend the time period for your client's response for that purpose. However, if you submit a written request otherwise demonstrating good cause, this Office may grant an extension of time.

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If you have any questions or comments, please contact me or Dawn Odrowski at  
(202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence M. Noble", is written over the typed name and title.

Lawrence M. Noble  
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